

Councilmember Thompson referred to Stop Sign Violation totals month to month and commented that 1 violation seemed low; Chief Hill explained the report did not represent the number of total citations and that it was actually part of a particular incident, citation or infraction and not an arrest.

Councilmember Thompson then questioned the 1 offense reported for unlawful use of telephone; Chief Hill explained that was not a cell phone offense but actually a crank call offense.

Chief Hill stated he has the capability of generating actual numbers related to stop sign and cell phone citations and would present that report to the Council in a couple of months if they so desired. Councilmember Thompson said he felt it would be useful information for Council and the public.

Chief Hill reported that overall, crimes have dropped from the previous year.

Lastly, Chief Hill reported that he was able once again to take advantage of the Cal-Works Program and Kathryn Evans was now working part time in the police department through the month of September.

Community Development Director Caldwell reported on recent activities in the planning department and stated he would be bringing forth to the Planning Commission on January 25, 2012 (3) items: Lot Size Modification Provisions; Front Yard Setback Averaging Provisions; and Side Yard Setback Provisions for Corner Lots. He also reported that it was discovered that fencing regulations were inadvertently left out of the Rio Dell Municipal Code with codification of ordinances; however the provisions are still in force under Ordinance No. 167.

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Thompson reported on his attendance at Humboldt Waste Management Authority and reported the Board voted to cease negotiations with Arcata Recycling Center (ACRC) and hired a lawyer; stated they were working on the development of a food digester; reported on Arcata's recent plan to place a ban on plastic bags and plastics in general and said the issue may be coming to the Council for support. He also reported on his attendance at Redwood Coast Energy Authority (RCEA) and provided information on an upcoming meeting in Eureka regarding the development of new turbine technology. He said on the next RCEA meeting agenda will be a resolution supporting hydrogen energy and fuel cells for cars.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION AS FOLLOWS:

Closed Session Concerning Labor Negotiations with Labor Negotiator; the City's Designated Representative City Manager Ron Henrickson (Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6)

Concerning Rio Dell Police Officer's Association, Rio Dell Employees Association, and Contract Employees

Mayor Woodall announced the Council would be adjourning to closed session to discuss the above matters and asked for public comment. There being no public comment, the Council adjourned to closed session at 8:02 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 8:30 p.m. Mayor Woodall announced there was no reportable action taken in closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m. to the February 7, 2012 regular meeting.

Julie Woodall, Mayor

Attest:

Karen Dunham, City Clerk